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Dear Handbell Directors and Ringers:

Greetings again from the Board of Directors of the Lansing Area Ministry of Bells! Enclosed are registration materials and information for the *Spring Ring* on Saturday, March 15. If you have any questions or comments, please call LAMB Secretary Lorraine Finison at (517) 321-3221 (home), 373-9067 (work), or 719-2277 (cell); or e-mail BellGoddess@hotmail.com.

The *Spring Ring* will again be at Waverly High School in west Lansing (Delta Township). We will include the schedule for the day in the confirmation letter which will be sent in early March to registered choirs. Lunch will be "on your own"--there are many restaurants and fast food establishments within a couple minutes of the school. A restaurant guide is available on our website: capitalcityringers.com/lamb.htm.

The deadline for on-time registration is February 25. Registrations **postmarked** after February 24 will require the late registration fee. On-time registration is **\$12.00** per person. From February 26 to March 4, late registration will be **\$18.00** per person. No registrations will be accepted after March 4. **Please do not wait until the last minute to register.** It helps our planning efforts greatly if we have approximate registration figures early. It has always been our policy to refund registration fees in full if we are notified prior to the date of the *Spring Ring*. Likewise, you may add ringers at the on-time fee at any time (provided your choir's registration was on time, of course!). So, don't hesitate! Register **now!**

On the registration form, let us know if your choir would like to perform a solo number during the concert. If you or an advanced ringer from your choir would like to ring Dr. John Behnke's *Sent Forth by God's Blessings* in the Directors'/Advanced Ringers' Double Choir, please indicate that on the registration form.

Our conductor will be Susan M. Berry from Dearborn. Susan is well known to Spring Ring attendees as the owner of Handbell Services, Inc., as the Malmark representative for this area, and as the author of *Healthy Ringing* and other handbell-related publications. She is also the founding director of the Detroit Handbell Ensemble. She conducted the Spring Ring in 2000 and we are glad to have her back! Her rehearsal notes will be available soon. They will be emailed to those on our mailing list, and will be on the LAMB website: capitalcityringers.com/lamb.htm. Check for the rehearsal notes in the near future, and work with your ringers so that they are well prepared for the *Ring*.

Attire for the final concert is your choice. Some wear choir robes, matching shirts, blouses, or T-shirts.

If you do not have your music yet, both B & Y Music (1-888/743-2275) and Handbell Services, Inc. (1-800/37-BELLS) have our repertoire available. Susan will again bring her Handbell Services store to the *Spring Ring*, with many handbell-related jewelry, apparel, and gift items, so please let your ringers know about this opportunity to shop!

Finally, enclosed is information for you to make available to your ringers and congregation about the *Spring Ring* concert. We would appreciate your including this information in your church newsletter, bulletin, or announcements, or posting it on your bulletin board, as the time nears.

The LAMB Board of Directors

P.S. A big THANK YOU to Jennifer Scholes for volunteering to be this year's President-Elect!